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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

EPA, in cooperation with the Utah Department of Health and Park City, completed a comprehensive environmental evaluation of mine tailings in the Park City area. These studies were the equivalent of a Superfund Remedial Investigation and, therefore, we are confident in reaching the following conclusions:

1. EPA concurs with ATSDR's finding that there is no evidence of exposure to toxic metals such as lead, arsenic, or cadmium at levels believed to be harmful to current residents.
2. There are potential concerns with metals due to elevated levels in soils should extended exposure occur. However, no air quality or drinking water standards in the area have been exceeded.
3. Property which is effectively covered with top soil and maintained can adequately remediate and solve the potential problem of direct contact with tailings.
4. In our judgment, compliance with the Park City ordinance related to cover where metal levels are elevated can ensure protection of public health.
5. EPA believes that if Park City and its property owners implement EPA recommendations, there will be effective remediation to possible exposure. EPA sees no impediment to financial transactions involving properties that are remediated to prevent such exposure.


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